IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Naoko ITO et al. Conf. 1316

Application No. 10/826,294 Group 2168

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 13, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of November 12, 2008 and the Advisory Action of April 21, 2009, and further to the Notice of Appeal and Pre-Appeal Brief Review Request filed May 12, 2009, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.